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June 15, 2026

To: All Local Union Presidents, Financial Secretaries, and Recording Secretaries - Region 4, UAW

Re: UAW Region 4 Advanced Summer School Conference: August 23-28, 2026

DETAILS FOR THE ABOVE-REFERENCED EVENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Conference & PGC Hotel Registration: Now through August 10th
- Travel Day: Sunday, August 23rd (PGC guests should arrive no earlier than 3 p.m.)
- Conference Registration: Sunday, August 23rd from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
- Opening Plenary: Sunday, August 23rd at 5 p.m. **MANDATORY for ALL** attending delegates
- Conference Adjourns: Friday, August 28th at Noon

Conference Registration:

- Registration Website - <https://conference.uaw.org/region4/ads.php>
- Username: 2026region4/Password: registerADS
 - Enter your PGC lodging confirmation number (if applicable).
- **If staying at the PGC**, complete the hotel reservation step *before* the conference registration.

PGC Hotel Reservations: (NO PETS ARE ALLOWED)

- Rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$70 nightly.
- Each room has two beds. We encourage double occupancy whenever possible.
- Reserve rooms by contacting Holly at hskoog@uaw.net or (847) 459-3888. If you reach the office voicemail, leave a message with:
 - The room request and email address for confirmation and/or follow-up.
 - When making reservations, indicate if the delegate(s) has special room requirements.

*A confirmation number will be emailed to you once the reservation has been received.

Fees: Non-Refundable

- Registration - \$315 per delegate (which includes the cost of meals and materials). First meal provided will be breakfast on Monday, August 24th and the last meal provided will be breakfast on Friday, August 28th.
- Guest - \$50 fee per day for those delegates who choose to bring a guest to the conference.

ONLY checks or money orders will be accepted for registration and guest fee payments. We are unable to accept credit/debit cards.

Send non-refundable fees by August 10th to the following address:

**UAW Region 4
900 E. Center Street
Ottawa, IL 61350
Attn: ADS**

Make checks payable to: UAW Region 4 Activity Fund.
Notate - **ADS** on the memo line.

Please ensure the PGC Hotel is full before seeking area lodging. When PGC Hotel rooms are sold out, reduced rates have been arranged at the following Ottawa hotels:

- Fairfield – 815-431-8955
- Hampton Inn – 815-434-6040
- Super 8 – 815-434-2888

*We **STRONGLY** encourage avoiding the Holiday Inn as it was built by non-union labor.

Financial Assistance: Scholarships are being offered by the UAW Region 4 Retired Workers, which will provide up to \$1000 for each member attending, subject to Director’s approval. This covers registration, lodging, and the remainder will help offset mileage or lost time. To be considered for financial assistance, locals must make a written request to me and attach their last three (3) monthly financial statements.

****Scholarship recipients must still pay registration and lodging in full. Financial assistance is granted on a reimbursement basis.***

Additional questions should be directed to Rory Dolan, our Region 4 Ed. Coordinator at (847) 459-3888.

Please Note: This call letter has been posted on the UAW Region 4 website: <http://region4.uaw.org>

This conference differs from our previous, “Basic Summer School” conference, which focused primarily on educating new or newly involved members. This conference is specifically designed to help develop and inspire future leaders within our union.

The workshops will focus on the core values that continue to guide our union today. Participants will gain skills for conducting effective union meetings, better understanding of the roles and responsibilities of union officers and take part in plenary sessions covering important topics ranging from contract campaigns to proper use of our Constitution. We will also explore what it takes to grow and strengthen union leadership and activism.

We will be holding a new workshop that is meant to lead members to action: Festivus. Delegates should bring an “Ugly Christmas Sweater” to wear during Festivus. We will be celebrating Christmas in ~~July~~, I mean August. We will host an ugly Christmas sweater contest.

We anticipate this class will fill up quickly, and those responding earliest with completed registration and non-refundable fees will have the best chance of being accepted before we reach capacity. Local Unions should select alternates in the event a delegate cancels at the last minute. Rather than an expense, these weeks should be considered an investment in the future of your local union.

In solidarity,

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cc: Lucas DeSpain, Assistant Director

ATTENTION FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

The LM2 for this conference is:

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| Representation | <u>95%</u> |
| Administrative | <u> </u> |
| Political | <u>5%</u> |